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1. In the USSR the term "aspirant" is applied to a student who is undertaking a two-year postgraduate course. During that two-year period, the postgraduate student attends specialized lectures on science and must write a dissertation in order to obtain candidacy to the Academy of Sciences. Therefore, a Soviet "aspirant" cannot be classified or compared to a US "bachelor".
2. Under the Soviet educational system, the US classification "bachelor" does not exist.
3. The Soviet term "kandidat" of science can be compared to the US "master". The Soviet "doktor" of science can be compared to the US "doctor".
4. The education, research, practical work, and publications of Soviet "kandidats" are practically the same as that of a US "master". The same requirements apply to the Soviet "doktor" as to the US "doctor".
5. There are several noteworthy exceptions. For example: all Soviet "doktors" and "kandidats", who obtained such titles without a dissertation but for their service to the party, cannot be compared to US "doctors" and "masters". One must also take under consideration that in the USSR many "kandidats" and "doktors" of philosophy, that is, those in political science, are also far inferior to comparative titles in the US.

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